



People Leading Accessible Networks of Support

## PLANS Evaluation Summary June 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005

1. What were the strengths of the meeting?
  - All information was good;
  - Great interactive discussion – good inclusion of a variety of workgroup members;
  - all – good presentations by Jean & Betty;
  - Many good suggestions and seemed everyone was willing to enter into the overview of what was required;
  - Presentations by PLANS coordinators – seeing the PLANS in implementation;
  - The way everything was timed out was great;
  - Great, helpful information presented and shared. Material handouts are concise and useful information - good interaction;
  - Small group discussion – more openings heard in short amount of time;
  - Review of some issues discussed in previous meetings. We have new members that weren't here at that time and I think it was good to refocus on our original goals;
  - Run well, people are involved and interested. Jean and Betty's presentations were highlights;
  - Facilitator Jean Tuller – need to have more of this;
  - Information on Good to Great and Choices;
  - I liked hearing from Jean. I came to realize how important the after meeting involvement is.
2. Was the material presented in a helpful way?
  - Yes (6);
  - Thanks for handouts and powerpoint info;

- Yes, it was very informative!;
- yes, Information on other states and self-directed services very informative;
- A+;
- Yes, very organized at this meeting;
- Not all, see #3;
- Great discussion at the sub-committee meeting;

3. What were the weaknesses of the meeting?

- None, well organized;
- Yes, I prefer graphics as it is very easy to understand;
- None (2);
- Varying temperature in the room;
- Too much reporting orally – provide us with written reports and let us read them – if no real action expected versus hearing people just report;
- Feel that discussions on “hot” topics should be earlier in the day;
- Room too cold. Some repetitive information;

4. Are there new topics or issues that you would like us to present to the workgroup?

- Not really;
- Would like to see feedback on provider subcommittee discussion on single point of entry;
- Look at broader issue of services rather than more narrow focus of PLANS project – seems like we are just adding another box versus truly changing the system. Person-centered planning is not a new concept - but can be implemented in different ways. But as a system, what principles do we all promote to better support people? Cooperatively support people.;
- Agencies with choice from other states. How do we in SD diversify?;
- Not at this time;

5. To improve future meetings, I would:

- Meeting accommodations were good;
- Thanks!;

- If the members would communicate via email to get their ideas presented to the group before the meetings;
- People should attend meetings to hear and offer, but not all at the same time;
- Have working lunches so we can get through the agenda quicker;
- Start working on how we are going to achieve goals and objectives;
- Thanks – you’re doing a great job! Have it in a central location (I think it’s best);

6. Other:

- I would suggest breaking down the large group into smaller idea groups so I could understand clearly;
- Maybe this could be under other topics as well – but making sure that individuals with other diagnosis included with the DD diagnosis are part of PLANS. This is a growing population with many individuals that aren’t “fitting” into only one service system;
- The location of the meeting was great – the food was excellent!;
- Great meeting and meeting place. Breaks timely and food fantastic. The speakers Jean Tuller and Betty Oldenkamp were informative and inspiring;
- Could it be possible for us to have an updated participant list including who is on what sub-committees?;
- Keep team members engaged – small group activities/discussion are good – keep meetings as “think tank” opportunities not a forum for reports. The sharing of what other states are doing is a good use of time;
- Enjoyed Jean Tuller!;
- If you mail out information to everyone I don’t feel it is necessary to have it provided again at the meeting unless there are major changes. Minor changes we can hand write it. Maybe a few extra copies for those that may forget theirs;